GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Allegation of acquisition of assets disproportionate to the known sources of income against Sri K.Ravindranath, FRO, S/o K.Venkata Surya Rao, Palakonda, Srikakulam District – Found guilty of the charges and convicted by the Orders of Hon'ble Court of Spl.Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam, dated 05.02.2015 in C.C.No.29/2006 – Imposition of punishment of dismissal from service against Sri K.Ravindranath, Forest Range Officer – Orders-Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCICENCE & TECHNOLOGY (Sec.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 56 Dated: 20-09-2017

Read the following :

1. From the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad, Letter No.Rc.No.68/RCA-VSK/02-S12, dated:7.11.2002.
2. From the DG, ACB, Lr.Rc.No.68/RCA-VSK/2002, Dt.14.10.2005.
3. G.O.Ms.No.15, EFS&T(For.IV) Department, Dated:03.02.2006.
4. From the Hon'ble Court of Spl.Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Visakhapattanam, Judgment, Dated:05.02.2015 in C.C. No.29 of 2006.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, it has been brought to the kind notice of the Government that Sri K.Ravindranath, Forest Range Officer, Palakonda, Srikakulam District had acquired assets disproportionate to the known sources of his legal income by indulging in corrupt practices. During the course of investigation, it is found that there is prima facie case against the A.O. Sri K.Ravindranath, who acquired assets worth Rs.34,86,730/- against his legal income Rs.8,50,000/-his probable expenditure is Rs.6,10,000/-. Thus likely saving of the A.O. is Rs.2,40,000/-. Hence the A.O. is found to have acquired assets to a tune of Rs.32,46,750/- which are disproportionate to the known sources of his legal income.

2) In the reference 2nd read above, the Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Hyderabad in his final report has informed that the Accused officer, Sri K.Ravindranath acquired and possessed assets disproportionate to his sources of known income of his legal to a tune of Rs.36,90,285/- during the check period from the date of entry into Government service i.e. 10.12.1985 to 07.12.2002 i.e., date of searches, and recommended to prosecute the accused officer Sri K.Ravindranath, Forest Range Officer in a Court of Law for the offence punishable under Sections 13(2) read with 13(1) (e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

3) In the reference 3rd read above, Government have accorded sanction for prosecuting the accused officer Sri K.Ravindranath, Forest Range Officer, in competent Court of Law for the offences punishable under Section 13(2) read with 13(1) (e) of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988.

4) In the reference 4th read above, the Hon'ble Court of Spl.Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam in its Judgment Dated:05.02.2015 in C.C.No.29/2006 held that "the AO is found guilty of the charge u/s 13(1) (e) read with 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act and he is convicted of the same u/s 248 (2) Cr.P.C." and "the accused officer is sentenced to suffer rigorous imprisonment for three years and to pay a fine of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakha only) in default to suffer simple imprisonment for 1 (one) year for the charge U/s. 13(1) (e) read with 13(2) of Prevention of Corruption Act. The Hon'ble High Court in its order dated:23.02.2015 in CRL.A.MP.No.227 of 2015 in CRL.A.No.169 of 2015 "A perusal

of the record reveals that the appellant / accused has paid the fine amount and the trial court suspended the sentence by order in Crl.M.P.No.120 of 2015, dt.05.02.2015. In that view of the matter, suspension of imprisonment and bail are granted to petitioner/appellant till disposal of the appeal on the same terms and conditions imposed by the trial Court."

5) Government have examined the entire matter carefully and decided to impose a punishment of dismissal from service against Sri K.Ravindranath, Forest Range Officer, Palakonda, Srikakulam District, as he was found guilty of the charges and convicted in the Hon'ble Court of Spl.Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam, in its Judgment Dated:05.02.2015 in C.C.No.29 of 2006 under clause (x) of Rule 9 read with sub-rule (i) of Rule 25 of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with G.O.Ms.No.2, General Administration (Ser.C) Department, dated 04-01-1999. As per the amendment of Rule 25(i) to the A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 issued through G.O.Ms.No.240, General Administration (Ser.C) Department, dated 14-08-2003, it is not necessary to consult the A.P.Public Service Commission for taking any such action.

6) Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred under clause (x) of Rule 9 read with sub-rule (i) of Rule 25 of A.P.Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules, 1991 read with G.O.Ms.No.2, General Administration (Ser.C) Department, dated: 04-01-1999, Government hereby order to impose punishment of dismissal from service against Sri K.Ravindranath, Forest Range Officer, Palakonda, Srikakulam District, as he was found guilty of the charges and convicted by the Hon'ble Court of Spl.Judge for SPE & ACB Cases, Visakhapatnam, Judgment Dated:05.02.2015 in C.C.No.29 of 2006, subject to outcome of Crl.A.M.P.No.227 of 2015 in Crl.A.No.169/2015 pending before the Hon'ble High Court.

7) The Prl.Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Guntur shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly and acknowledge the receipt of the order.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

G.ANANTHA RAMU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri K.Ravindranath, S/o K.Venkata Surya Rao,
Forest Range Officer, Palakonda, Srikakulam District, through the
PCCF, A.P., Guntur,
The Prl. Chief Conservator of Forests & HoFF, A.P., Guntur.
Copy to:
The Director General, Anti-Corruption Bureau, Vijayawada.
The Accountant General (A&E), Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
The Secretary, AP Vigilance Commission, Velagapudi.
The Director or Treasuries and Accounts, Ibrahimpatnam,
Vijayawada, A.P.
SF/SC.

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER